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Sauget Area 2 Sites Group

August 14th, 2001

Mr. Mike McAteer
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Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

RE: Sauget Area 2

Deliver by Overnight Mail

Dear Mike:

Attached is the Sauget Area 2 Sites Group monthly report for Sauget Area 2, as required under 2.4 of our Administrative Order by Consent. If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Smith

Project Coordinator

cc: Sandra Bron - Illinois EPA

Kevin de la Bruere - U.S. Fish & Wildlife

Mike Henry - Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Peter Barrett - CH2M Hill

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SAUGET SITES - AREA 2 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

For July 2001

Key Actions on the Support Sampling Plan

The SA2SG submitted the proposed six volumes Support Sampling Plan (SSP) to the agencies on February 21st, 2001.

April 5th, 2001 the SA2SG received comments on the Support Sampling Plan (SSP) from EPA, EPA's consultant CH2M Hill, Illinois EPA, and U.S. Fish & Wildlife.

The SA2SG received corrected comments from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife on April 10th, 2001.

On April 19th and April 20th the SA2SG met with EPA, EPA's consultant CH2M Hill, Illinois EPA, and U.S. Fish & Wildlife to discuss the SSP comments. Significant progress was made toward resolving outstanding issues. The EPA set the date for the SSP re-submittal for May 25th, 2001.

The SA2SG prepared and submitted a revised set of SSP documents on May 25th, 2001.

On June 20th, 2001 comments on Revision 1 of the SSP were received from EPA, Illinois EPA, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, and CH2M Hill. The EPA advised that additional comments on the QAPP might be forthcoming.

On July 17, 2001 comments on Revision 1 of the SSP were received from Mr. Jim Chapman, EPA.

On July 27th, additional comments on Revision 1 of the SSP were received from CH2M Hill, as well as comments from EPA Chemist Richard Byvik

A meeting was scheduled between EPA, CH2M Hill, and the SA2SG on August 2nd, 2001 to discuss the above comments.

Data Submittal

There is no data submitted in this report.

Actions or Plans Scheduled for Next Month

A meeting was scheduled for August 2nd, 2001 to discuss all outstanding issues.

The SA2SG completed the construction of the Investigation Derived Waste storage area, and continues to plan for the execution of this major sampling plan.

Letters requesting property access have been sent to most landowners in the study area. In at least two cases, meetings with property owners have been held to explain the sampling plan and the potential impact to their property.